

School Bus Stop Risk Assessment

School bus stop locations are not risk-free areas for students or the school buses they ride. School officials must reduce and maintain risks to students, school buses, and other highway users to an acceptable and manageable level. The School Bus Stop Risk Assessment is one tool school and pupil transportation officials may use to assess risk at existing and proposed school bus stop locations.

Bus Stop Description: _____ Date of Assessment: _____

Address: _____ Nearest intersecting roadway: _____

Route #: _____ Person Completing Assessment: _____

Print Name

Pick-up stop: Y N Drop-off stop: Y N Stop schedule: AM Noon PM
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Risk Factors ¹	Risk Factors Description ²	Risk Factors Evaluation ³	Comments ⁴ Comments made by the assessor to further document assessment. *****
Age	How many students at this bus stop are less than 10 years of age?(AGO-5825)		
	How many students cross the road to get to/from the bus stop?(AGO-5825)		
	How many students at this bus stop are 10 years of age or older?(AGO-5825)		
	How many students cross the road to get to to/from the bus stop?(AGO-5825)		
	Can students cross in front of school bus when going to/from bus stop?		
Traffic Speed	What is the posted speed limit at the bus stop?	≥ 35 mph < 35 mph <hr/> ≤ 45 mph > 45 mph	Indicate the specific speed, circle greater than or less than 35 mph. Speed determines sight distance at bus stop. <hr/> Indicates position of school bus on or off roadway during hazard light stop.
	What is the <u>average</u> and <u>85th</u> percentile speed of this roadway section?	Avg. spd. = 85 th spd. =	Local road commission will have speed study information.

Traffic Volume	What is the vehicles-per-hour count at the bus stop location?		Local road commission will have traffic count information.
	What is the vehicles-per-day count at the bus stop location?		Local road commission will have traffic count information.
	If no official traffic volume study exists, take an unofficial traffic count 30 minutes <u>before and after</u> the bus stop time(s).		Indicate date and time of unofficial counts.
	What types of motor vehicles operate near the bus stop? Check (✓) the type and explain in comment's section.	Automobiles Commercial Vehicles Other	Indicate date and time of unofficial observations.
Highway Design and Geometry	Indicate the number of traffic lanes in each direction at the bus stop location. (257.1855)		
	Is a special-use lane part of the roadway at the bus stop location, i.e. left turn, right turn, bypass, etc.?	Yes No	Identify specific use lane at the bus stop location.
	Does a land barrier or a physical barrier separate lanes of opposing traffic at the bus stop location? (257.1855)	Yes No	Describe the type of barrier.
	What is the total width of the roadway at the bus stop location?		
	What is the total width of the shoulder at the bus stop location?		
	What is the traffic flow pattern at the bus stop location?	One-way Two-way	
	Describe the surface construction and condition of the roadway at the bus stop location.	Paved Unpaved	Describe the surface construction and condition.
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	construction and condition of the shoulder at the bus stop location.	Unpaved	
	Is the bus stop located at an intersection of two or more roadways? (257.1855)	Yes No	
	What is the site distance along the lateral roadways <u>at/near</u> the bus stop location?		
	What is the distance from the bus stop location to the intersection? (257.1855)		
	What type of <u>vehicular traffic control devices</u> are there at the intersection?	List devices	Describe how they control vehicular traffic.
	What type of <u>pedestrian traffic control devices</u> are there at the intersection?	List devices	Describe how they control pedestrian traffic.
	Are there multiple accesses to the bus stop location from side streets or abutting land-use activities?	Yes No	Describe abutting land-use activities at or near the bus stop.
	What is the <u>clear and continuous site distance</u> of approaching traffic at the bus stop location? (257.1855)(AGO 5870)	Front of bus Rear of bus	
	Are there horizontal or vertical curves at or near the bus stop location?	Yes: horizontal, vertical (circle) No: horizontal, vertical (circle)	Indicate the degree and distance of curvature. Check with local road commission.
	Is there a railroad crossing in the area of the bus stop location?	Yes No	If yes, indicate if the crossing is at, above or below grade with the bus stop location.
Bus Stop Environment	Is there an adequate area for students to wait at the bus stop	Yes No	

	that is separated from vehicular traffic and the school bus?		
	Is there adequate room, separated from vehicular traffic, for students to wait across the roadway from the bus stop?	Yes No	
	What is the number of students eligible to get on the bus at this stop?		
	What is the maximum distance students walk to this bus stop?		
	Does the school bus turn around at or near the school bus stop location?	Yes No	Are students picked up before or after the turnaround?
	Is there at least 10 feet of separation between where the school bus stops and the students stand?	Yes No	
	If the speed limit is <u>>45</u> mph, is there sufficient space for the school bus making a hazard light stop to <u>get completely off the roadway?</u> (257.1855)	Yes No	Indicate shoulder width at the bus stop location.
	If the speed limit is <u><45</u> mph, is there sufficient space for traffic to move unobstructed around a bus making a hazard light stop?(257.1855)	Yes No	Describe the roadway at the hazard warning light bus stop location.
Special Circumstances	Are there special medical needs of a student or students at this bus stop location?	Yes No	Explain and document any special medical needs.
	Are there special physical needs of a student or students at this bus stop location?	Yes No	Explain and document any special physical needs.
	Is the bus stop located on a private roadway?	Yes No	

	Is there a maintenance schedule, i.e. surface maintenance, snow removal, etc., for the private roadway?	Yes No	Get written documentation of private roadway maintenance schedule.
	Are students exposed to non-traffic hazards at this school bus stop?	Yes No	Document such hazards and any plans by the governing organization to minimize or eliminate them.

- (1) Risk Factors: Circumstances that influence the level of risk to students at a school bus stop.
(2) Risk Factor Description: The components included in each risk factor.
(3) Risk Factor Evaluation: Identify the status of each risk factor component.
(4) Comments: Providing support for a risk factor evaluation.

Bus stop recommendation: _____

Person Completing Assessment: _____